



TRI LAKES LL 2026 SAFE SUMMARY

League Location: Monument, CO

League ID: 4060510

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Dear Volunteers, Parents/Guardians, and Players:

Tri-Lakes LL is committed to providing a safe, welcoming environment where every player, volunteer, and family feels supported. Safety is an important part of every season, and we believe it is a shared responsibility that helps everyone enjoy the game with confidence and peace of mind.

As part of Little League SAFE, our league has confirmed the steps we take to protect children, prepare volunteers, and maintain safe facilities and playing conditions. From equipment checks and emergency planning to strong child protection practices and volunteer training, our goal is to create a positive, fun, and secure experience for every participant.

Thank you for being part of a community that puts kids first and works together to help ensure a safe, memorable Little League season.

Sincerely,

Tri-Lakes LL Board of Directors

LEAGUE LEADERSHIP AND CONTACTS

Keeping contact information up to date helps volunteers know exactly who to reach when questions or safety concerns arise.

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Best Practice: Share a simple "Who to Contact" list with managers, coaches, and volunteers so everyone knows where to go for help during the season.

CHILD PROTECTION

Little League requires every chartered league to follow a set of core child protection policies to help keep children safe. Protecting players is our highest priority, and these policies ensure volunteers understand their responsibilities both on and off the field.

Your league has confirmed that all of the following policies are in place:

1. Annual Background Checks

TRI LAKES LL confirms that all volunteers with regular contact with players complete annual background checks through J.D. Palatine (JDP), as required by Little League Regulation I(c) 8 and 9. Anyone with a disqualifying offense is prohibited from participating in any Little League activity. Background check laws vary across the country, and any additional requirements that apply to your league can be found at <https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/child-protection-program/state-laws-background-checks-leagues/>. Your league is responsible for understanding and complying with any applicable state laws regarding background checks.

2. Annual Abuse Awareness Training

TRI LAKES LL requires all volunteers to complete the Little League Abuse Awareness Training each year before assuming any duties. This training helps volunteers recognize, prevent, and respond to misconduct and abuse. Little League Abuse Awareness Training can be found at <https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/abuse-awareness-training-course/>

3. Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse

TRI LAKES LL acknowledges that all volunteers are mandatory reporters under federal law and must report suspected child abuse, including sexual abuse, to the proper authorities within 24 hours. Reports should also be shared with the League President and District Administrator. State reporting requirements vary, and any laws that apply to your league can be found at <https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/child-protection-program/state-specific-information-child-abuse/>. Your league is responsible for understanding and complying with any applicable state laws.

4. Non-Retaliation Policy

TRI LAKES LL has adopted a policy that prohibits retaliation against anyone who makes a good-faith report of suspected abuse or misconduct. This ensures volunteers feel safe coming forward with concerns.

5. One-on-One Interaction Policy

TRI LAKES LL has adopted the Little League One-on-One Interaction Policy, which requires that all interactions between adults and minors be observable and interruptible by another adult. This reduces opportunities for misconduct while still supporting positive mentoring relationships.

Best Practice: Reinforce child protection expectations clearly and consistently so volunteers know what to do and who to contact.

- Review expectations with all volunteers at the start of each season.
- Make reporting steps clear and easy to follow.
- Keep child protection policies easily accessible.

Additional information provided by your league:

Tri-Lakes Little League maintains a comprehensive Child Protection Program in compliance with Little League regulations and the SafeSport Act. All board members and volunteers with regular or repetitive access to players are required to complete annual background checks prior to participation. Abuse Awareness training is required for all board members, managers, coaches, and applicable volunteers. All league volunteers are mandated reporters and must report suspected child abuse or misconduct to appropriate authorities within 24 hours. One-on-one contact between adults and players is discouraged, retaliation against individuals who report concerns in good faith is strictly prohibited, and all child safety concerns must be promptly reported to league leadership and handled in accordance with established reporting procedures.

Child Protection Resources:

- Little League Abuse Awareness Training (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/abuse-awareness-training-course/>)
- Full Little League Child Protection Program (<https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/child-protection-program/>)
- State-Specific Background Check Laws (<https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/child-protection-program/state-laws-background-checks-leagues/>)
- State - Specific Mandatory Reporting Laws (<https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/child-protection-program/state-specific-information-child-abuse/>)
- J.D.Palatine(JDP) Background Checks (<https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/child-protection-program/local-league-background-check-information/>)
- USA Baseball – Abuse Awareness Resources (<https://usabdevelops.com/page/4834/base>)
- U.S.Center for SafeSport – Reporting and Education (<https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/child-protection-program/safesport-resources-parents/>)
- ChildHelp National Child Abuse Hotline (1-800-4-A-CHILD)

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Being prepared for unexpected situations helps keep players, volunteers, and families safe. The information below highlights the emergency procedures and contacts in place during all league activities.

Emergency Contacts

- In any emergency situation, volunteers should immediately **call 911**
- Poison Control is also available nationwide at **1-800-222-1222**

Local Emergency Contacts

- **Police Department:** 719-481-3253
- **Fire Department:** 719-488-3303
- **Urgent Care:** 719-571-7070
- **Local Hospital:** 719-487-2060

Emergency Action Plan

Emergencies can happen when you least expect them. A clear and accessible EAP helps volunteers respond quickly, communicate effectively, and take the right steps to keep players and families safe.

TRI LAKES LL has an Emergency Action Plan in place. Regularly reviewing this plan with volunteers and players helps ensure everyone knows how to respond quickly and confidently during an emergency.

Additional information provided by your league:

Lightning Procedures:

Tri-Lakes Little League utilizes the SPARK feature of the WeatherBug application, the official weather and lightning monitoring tool of Little League International. An adult designated by the home team coach is responsible for actively monitoring lightning conditions for the duration of all games and practices.

Lightning safety procedures are determined by field ownership and governing authority.

Games or Practices on School Grounds

When games or practices are held on school district property, Tri-Lakes Little League will adopt and follow the host school district's lightning safety rules.

For Lewis-Palmer School District, lightning detected within 8 miles requires immediate suspension of play.

All players, coaches, umpires, and spectators must take cover in an enclosed building or vehicle.

Dugouts, bleachers, tents, light poles, and metal fencing are not considered safe shelter.

Play may only resume after 30 minutes have passed with no lightning detected within 8 miles, in accordance with school district clearance rules.

Games or Practices Not on School Grounds:

When games or practices are held on non-school properties, the league will follow Tri-Lakes Little League lightning procedures:

Lightning detected within 8 miles requires immediate suspension of play and clearing of the field.

All participants must move to enclosed vehicles or buildings.

Play may not resume until 30 minutes have passed with no lightning detected within 8 miles.

If lightning requires the field to be cleared more than once during the same game or practice, or if lightning activity persists, the game or practice may be cancelled.

General Lightning Safety Guidelines

Stay away from metal fencing, dugouts, bleachers, and equipment.

Do not hold metal bats or equipment.

Walk calmly to shelter — do not run.

Pre-game warm-ups and practices follow the same lightning rules as games.

Authority

Umpires and league officials have full authority to suspend or cancel games or practices due to lightning or unsafe weather conditions. Safety decisions are final.

Standard Little League rules apply if a game is cancelled.

Emergency Preparedness Resources:

- Little League Lightning & Severe Weather Safety Guidelines
(<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/staying-safe-from-lightning-at-the-field/>)

FIRST AID & INJURY PREVENTION

A prepared volunteer is better equipped to respond when injuries or medical situations occur. Below is an overview of the first aid training, equipment, and safety practices in place for the season.

First Aid Training

First aid training helps volunteers respond effectively when injuries or emergencies happen. These trainings reinforce skills such as:

- Treating minor injuries
- Managing bleeding and nosebleeds
- Recognizing potential fractures or serious injuries
- Identifying head-injury symptoms
- Responding to heat-related illness
- Treating allergic reactions
- Knowing when to call 911

First aid training requirements for TRI LAKES LL:

- Little League First Aid Awareness Training: **Recommended**
- Formal First Aid Certification: **Recommended**
- CPR Certification and AED Use Training: **Recommended**

First Aid Kits

Accessible first aid supplies help volunteers respond quickly when an injury occurs. Keeping first aid kits stocked and easy to reach helps volunteers respond quickly during games and practices. Every team in TRI LAKES LL has a first aid kit available at games and practices.

Recommended First Aid Kit Contents:

- Adhesive bandages (various sizes)
- Sterile gauze pads and rolled gauze
- Antiseptic wipes
- Instant cold packs
- Elastic wraps
- Tweezers and disposable gloves
- Nosebleed supplies (gauze, tissues)
- Small splint or finger splint
- CPR mask or face shield
- Allergy/sting relief wipes
- Cold Packs
- Tape and scissors

Best Practice: Each team should receive its first aid kit at the start of the season. First aid kits should travel with the team and be kept in an easy-to-reach spot during both games and practices.

Concussion Awareness

TRI LAKES LL has confirmed that it follows required concussion training and has a protocol in place for recognizing and responding to potential head injuries during practices and games. Little League encourages all volunteers to follow the "When in doubt, sit them out" approach so players are removed from play immediately if a concussion is suspected.

Common signs and symptoms of a possible concussion include:

- Headache or pressure in the head
- Dizziness or balance problems
- Confusion, memory issues, or appearing "out of it"
- Nausea or vomiting
- Blurred vision or sensitivity to light or noise
- Behavior that seems unusual for the player

State concussion laws vary across the country. Some apply only to school athletics, while others apply to all youth sports organizations. State-specific information can be found at: <https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/concussions-youth-athletes/>. Your league is responsible for understanding and complying with any applicable state laws.

Best Practice: If a concussion is suspected, volunteers should follow these steps:

- Remove the player from play immediately
- Ensure the player is monitored by an adult
- Refer the player to a licensed health care professional for evaluation
- Do not allow return to play on the same day
- Require written medical clearance before the player resumes practices or games

Access to Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

AEDs can play a lifesaving role during sudden cardiac emergencies, and clear access helps volunteers respond quickly when every second matters.

TRI LAKES LL has reported that it has AEDs available at some league facilities.

Best Practice: AEDs are most effective when:

- Volunteers know the exact location of each device
- Devices are accessible during practices and games
- Batteries and pads are checked and replaced as needed
- Multiple volunteers are trained in basic AED use

State laws addressing AED access and sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) training can vary across the country. Some requirements apply only to school facilities or interscholastic athletics, while others extend to youth sports organizations or municipal fields. State-specific requirements for AEDs can be found at:

<https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/state-laws-on-automated-external-defibrillators/>

State specific requirements for SCA training can be found at: <https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/state-laws-on-sudden-cardiac-arrest-training/>.

Your league is responsible for understanding and complying with any applicable state laws.

Additional information provided by your league:

Additional First Aid & Safety Preparedness Areas to Include

1. Heat Illness Prevention & Response

Heat-related illness is one of the most common preventable youth-sports emergencies.

Key Standards

Coaches monitor players for signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke

Mandatory water breaks during practices and games in hot conditions

Players encouraged to self-report dizziness, nausea, or headache

Cooling measures available (shade, ice towels, cooling off periods)

Emergency Guidance

Heat stroke is a medical emergency → Call 911 immediately

Remove excess clothing and begin cooling while waiting for help

Coaching Principle

"Hydrate early, hydrate often — water breaks are not optional."

2. Cold Weather & Hypothermia Awareness

Cold stress can occur even at moderate temperatures with wind or wet conditions.

Key Standards

Games and practices cancelled or suspended based on wind-chill guidelines

Coaches monitor players for shivering, confusion, or numbness

Players allowed to wear cold-weather layers under uniforms

Authority

Umpires retain authority to declare conditions unsafe

3. Allergies, Asthma & Medical Conditions

Preparation prevents panic.

Best Practices

Parents disclose allergies, asthma, diabetes, or seizure conditions during registration

Coaches know which players may carry EpiPens or inhalers

Emergency medications remain accessible (not locked in cars or bags)

Emergency Rule

When in doubt → Call 911

4. Bleeding & Bloodborne Pathogen Safety

Common but often overlooked.

Standards

Gloves available in first aid kits

Bleeding players removed from play until bleeding stops

Blood-soiled clothing or equipment is cleaned or replaced before reuse

First Aid & Injury Prevention Resources:

- First Aid Kit Checklist (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/first-aid-kits-an-items-list/>)
- Little League First Aid Awareness Training (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/first-aid-awareness-training-course/>)
- CDC Heads Up – Concussion Resources (<https://www.cdc.gov/heads-up/>)
- State-Specific Concussion Laws (<https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/concussions-youth-athletes/>)
- State-Specific AED Laws (<https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/state-laws-on-automated-external-defibrillators/>)
- State-Specific SCA Training Laws (<https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/state-laws-on-sudden-cardiac-arrest-training/>)

EQUIPMENT SAFETY

Safe, well-maintained equipment helps prevent injuries and supports a positive playing experience. The information below reflects how playing equipment is inspected and monitored throughout the season.

Batting Helmets

All batting helmets must be NOCSAE-certified and free of cracks, dents, or deteriorating padding.

- Helmets are inspected at the start of the season and as needed
- Damaged or ill-fitting helmets are removed from use immediately
- Non-OEM (non-manufacturer) modifications are prohibited
- Properly fitted, undamaged helmets play an important role in preventing head injuries

Catcher's Gear

Catcher's equipment must be complete, well-maintained, and properly fitted for each player. A full set includes:

- Helmet with full face mask
- Dangling throat guard (required)
- Chest protector
- Leg guards

Equipment Inspections

At TRI LAKES LL, equipment manager - dustin tupper carry out regular equipment inspections throughout the season. These checks help identify items that should be repaired or removed from use.

- Unsafe or excessively worn equipment should be removed immediately
- Routine inspections help ensure players are always using equipment that will keep them safe from injury

Best Practice: Teach players to do quick self-checks of their helmets and gear before practices and games. Helping players look for cracks, loose padding, or missing pieces builds good habits and supports a shared culture of safety.

Additional information provided by your league:

Equipment Safety – League Practices Summary

Yes. The league takes several proactive steps to ensure equipment safety for players and volunteers, including:

Regular Equipment Checks:

Coaches and umpires visually inspect player and team equipment before games and practices, including bats, helmets, catcher's gear, and protective equipment. Unsafe or damaged equipment is removed from use immediately.

Helmet & Protective Gear Standards:

All helmets and protective gear must meet applicable safety standards and be worn properly during games and practices. Players are not permitted to use cracked, altered, or ill-fitting helmets or gear.

Bat Safety Compliance:

Bats are checked to ensure they meet league and division-specific requirements. Non-compliant or damaged bats are not allowed in play.

Field Equipment Safety:

Bases, pitching machines, screens, and field equipment are checked for stability and proper setup. Unsafe field conditions or equipment issues are reported and addressed before play continues.

First Aid & Emergency Equipment Availability:

First aid kits are available at fields and with teams, and emergency equipment such as AEDs (where available) is clearly identified and accessible.

Coach & Umpire Authority:

Coaches and umpires are empowered to stop play or restrict equipment use at any time if safety concerns arise, without penalty or pushback.

Education & Reporting:

Coaches are encouraged to educate players on proper equipment use and to report recurring equipment issues to league leadership so they can be addressed systematically

Equipment Safety Resources:

- Equipment and Facility Check-Ups (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/make-regular-equipment-facility-check-ups-a-year-round-endeavor-for-your-league-or-district/>)

FACILITY SAFETY

Safe, well-maintained facilities help create a positive experience for players, families, and volunteers. Your league has shared the steps it takes to help keep playing conditions safe throughout the season.

Seasonal Facility Inspection

TRI LAKES LL completes a thorough review of all fields and facilities at the beginning and end of each season. This inspection helps the league:

- Identify needed repairs
- Document safety concerns
- Plan for maintenance or improvements
- Confirm that fields and common areas are ready for use

Ongoing Facility Checks

TRI LAKES LL conducts regular in-season checks to help ensure facilities remain safe and ready for play. These checks typically look for:

- Loose or damaged fencing
- Worn or broken bases
- Slick, uneven, or poorly drained surfaces
- Broken or unstable bleachers
- Lighting or electrical concerns
- Hazards in dugouts, walkways, or spectator areas

Field Safety

Before every game and practice, fields and dugouts should be reviewed to ensure safe playing conditions. These quick checks help volunteers:

- Spot hazards early
- Prevent injuries
- Address small issues before they become larger concerns
- Confirm that field equipment, playing surfaces, and dugout areas are safe and ready for use

At TRI LAKES LL, coach or manager carry out field and dugout safety checks before games and practices.

Annual Little League Facility Survey

Each year, leagues complete the Little League Annual Facility Survey, which records the condition of each field, identifies maintenance or safety needs, and documents key details about layout, features, and emergency equipment.

A report generated from TRI LAKES LL's completed facility survey is included with this SAFE Summary.

Best Practice: Create a simple, shared inspection checklist for coaches and volunteers to use before games and practices. Consistent use of the same checklist helps ensure issues are spotted early and reported quickly.

Additional information provided by your league:

Field safety inspections are conducted before every game and practice by coaches and umpires to identify hazardous conditions such as field damage, debris, weather-related risks, or unsafe equipment. Coaches and umpires are empowered to delay, suspend, or cancel play if conditions are unsafe. In addition, the League Safety Officer conducts formal seasonal field inspections and completes the Annual Little League Facility Survey in coordination with league leadership. All identified hazards are reported promptly and addressed before play continues whenever possible.

For more information about facility safety at TRI LAKES LL, or to report a concern, please contact: League Safety Officer

Facility Safety Resources:

- Day to Day Safety Checklist (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/the-safest-little-league-experience-comes-from-doing-common-tasks/>)
- Pre-Season Facility Checkup (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/conduct-a-facilities-safety-check-before-the-season-starts/>)

TRAINING & EDUCATION

When volunteers are trained and prepared, it helps to prevent injuries, respond to emergencies, and create a positive experience for everyone involved. This section highlights the volunteer trainings that TRI LAKES LL requires and encourages.

Abuse Awareness Training

Little League requires all volunteers who undergo a background check to complete Abuse Awareness Training each year. TRI LAKES LL confirms that all required volunteers complete Abuse Awareness Training each season.

Safety Awareness Training (Little League University)

Safety Awareness Training helps volunteers understand common safety risks, recognize unsafe situations, and take proactive steps to prevent injuries.

TRI LAKES LL requires Safety Awareness Training for: League Officers/Board Members, Managers and Coaches.

First Aid Awareness Training (Little League University)

First Aid Awareness Training helps volunteers recognize injuries, respond appropriately, know when to call 911, and take steps to prevent medical emergencies.

TRI LAKES LL requires First Aid Awareness Training for Managers and Coaches.

Diamond Leader Training (Little League University)

Diamond Leader Training supports coaches and volunteers in creating a positive team environment focused on player well-being, sportsmanship, communication, and healthy culture.

TRI LAKES LL requires Diamond Leader Training for Not Required in our League.

Additional Trainings Offered or Encouraged

TRI LAKES LL has indicated that it offers or requires the following additional trainings:

- Coaching Skills & Game Fundamentals Training
- Concussion Training

Best practice: Share a simple training plan at the start of the season outlining required courses, who must complete them, and suggested deadlines. Clear expectations help volunteers stay on track.

Additional information provided by your league:**Concussion Safety & Education Requirement**

Tri-Lakes Little League is committed to providing a safe environment for all players and complying with applicable Colorado youth sports safety laws.

In accordance with the Jake Snakenberg Youth Concussion Act (SB 11-040), all managers, coaches, and volunteers with direct player contact are required to complete annual concussion recognition education.

Training Requirement

- All coaches and managers for divisions with players ages 11 and older must complete a concussion recognition education course annually.

Training must be completed prior to participating in practices or games.

Proof of completion may be requested by the league.

Concussion Recognition & Response

Any athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion must be immediately removed from play.

Athletes may not return to play the same day under any circumstances.

Return to play is permitted only after written clearance is provided by a licensed healthcare professional trained in concussion management.

League Enforcement

Failure to complete required training may result in suspension from coaching activities until compliance is met.

These policies apply to games, practices, and team activities.

Tri-Lakes Little League strongly encourages coaches to err on the side of caution and prioritize player health over competitive outcomes.

Training and Education Resources:

- Little League University (LLU) Trainings Overview (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/training/>)
- Little League Abuse Awareness Training (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/abuse-awareness-training-course/>)
- Little League Safety Awareness Training (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/safety-awareness-training-course/>)
- Little League First Aid Awareness Training (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/first-aid-awareness-training-course/>)

ACCIDENT INSURANCE & INCIDENT REPORTING

Accidents can happen at any time, and being prepared helps leagues support families and volunteers when they do. Understanding and documenting injuries ensures everyone gets the help they need and allows the league to strengthen safety practices for future seasons.

How to Submit an Accident Claim

If a player or volunteer requires medical treatment after a league-sanctioned activity, families should follow these steps:

1. Download the Accident Claim Form from [LittleLeague.org](https://www.littleleague.org).
2. Provide the claimant's full information, including parent or guardian details if the claimant is a minor.
3. Complete all sections of the form. Missing information causes delays.
4. Include primary insurance information. If the claimant has no insurance, written employer verification is required.
5. Attach itemized medical bills that include dates of service, procedure codes, diagnosis codes, and charges.
6. For dental injuries, submit bills to the primary medical and dental insurer first, then include the insurer's Explanation of Benefits.
7. Have a league official (President, Safety Officer, etc.) complete and sign the League Statement section.
8. Completed claim forms and supporting documents must be mailed. Email and fax submissions cannot be accepted.

Questions about the claim process may be sent to AccidentClaim@LittleLeague.org.

Incident Tracking

TRI LAKES LL documents all injuries and incidents that occur during league activities.

- Reports are completed using the official Little League Incident Tracking Form.
- A designated league officer is responsible for collecting and reviewing each report.
- Reviewing incident information throughout the season helps the league identify trends, address hazards, and strengthen safety practices.

Best practice: Monitor incident reports and near-miss situations regularly during the season. Tracking both helps identify emerging patterns, field conditions, equipment problems, or other safety concerns, so the league can take proactive steps to prevent injuries and improve the overall safety of the program.

Additional information provided by your league:

In the event a player is injured, play will be stopped immediately and the injury assessed by the coach or appropriate league personnel. First aid will be provided using available supplies, and emergency medical services (911) will be contacted for any serious injury, suspected concussion, heat illness, breathing difficulty, severe bleeding, or other medical emergency. Parents or guardians will be notified as soon as possible, and injured players will be removed from play and not allowed to return the same day if a concussion or serious injury is suspected. Any injury requiring medical attention beyond basic first aid, involving emergency services, or presenting a significant safety concern will be documented using the league's incident/injury report form and submitted to the League Safety Officer within 24 hours for recordkeeping, follow-up, and reporting to Little League as required.

To report an incident, or for more information about filing an accident claim, please contact: League Safety Officer

Accident Reporting Resources:

- Little League Incident Tracking Form (<https://www.littleleague.org/downloads/incident-injury-tracking-form/>)
- AIG Accident Claim Form (<https://www.littleleague.org/downloads/accident-claim-form/>)
- How to File an Accident Claim (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/how-to-submit-an-accident-insurance-claim/>)
- Little League Insurance Program Overview (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/little-league-insurance-programs/>)

LITTLE LEAGUE RULES & SAFETY BEST PRACTICES

Creating a safe, enjoyable playing environment begins with following Little League's official safety rules and reinforcing practices that protect players, volunteers, and families. TRI LAKES LL has confirmed that it meets all required safety standards.

Little League Safety Rules

Little League's official safety rules are designed to prevent injuries and establish consistent expectations across the program. These rules help ensure safe play during practices and games.

Leagues must enforce the following:

- On-deck batters are not permitted in the Majors Division and below
- Batters, base runners, and player base coaches must wear helmets at all times
- Catcher's gear must include a dangling throat guard
- Metal cleats are prohibited in the Majors Division and below
- Disengageable bases are required on all baseball and softball fields
- Head-first sliding while advancing is not permitted in the Majors Division and below
- Pitch count limits and required rest days must be followed in all baseball divisions
- Bats must meet current Little League standards
- Game balls must meet current Little League standards and be in good condition

Safety Best Practices

In addition to official rules, many leagues adopt extra safety practices that strengthen routines, reinforce expectations, and create a positive environment for players, families, and volunteers.

Common safety best practices include:

- Keeping dugout and field gates closed during play
- Using a double first base on baseball and softball fields
- Reminding players not to throw equipment or swing bats near others
- Reviewing lightning and severe weather procedures with coaches and umpires
- Ensuring each team has emergency contact information available at practices and games
- Leading age-appropriate warm-ups and stretching to reduce injury risk
- Marking spectator areas clearly and keeping them separate from the field
- Encouraging volunteers, parents, and players to model sportsmanlike and respectful behavior
- Sharing safety reminders with families (emails, signage, or meetings)
- Posting safety signage in common areas (e.g., "No Climbing Fences," "Foul Ball Awareness," "AED Located Here")

Additional information provided by your league:**Live Streaming & Video Privacy:**

Live streaming of games (including platforms such as GameChanger) may be permitted; however, any streaming must be configured as private and limited to approved team audiences (e.g., family members). Public, open-access streams are not permitted. Coaches and team administrators are responsible for ensuring privacy settings are enabled prior to streaming and for addressing any concerns raised by parents or guardians. Player safety and privacy take priority over convenience, and streaming may be suspended at any time at the direction of league officials.

2026 FACILITY SURVEY REPORT

This report provides an overview of the information submitted by TRI LAKES LL through the Little League Annual Facility Survey. The survey helps document the condition of each field, identify safety or maintenance needs, and track important facility details such as fencing, bleachers, lighting, emergency equipment, and field use.

The information in this summary reflects the league's responses for each field and is intended to support planning, safety awareness, and ongoing facility improvements throughout the season.

BEAR CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Facility survey last updated 1/19/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
200 ft.	250 ft.	200 ft.	20 ft.	5 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole
20 ft.	20 ft.	20 ft.

Right Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
20 ft.	20 ft.	20 ft.

General Details

Parking Capacity	1-50
Bleacher Capacity	None/NA
Ownership	School
Maintenance Responsibility	School

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Outfield warning track, Dugout fencing, Disengageable bases
Emergency Equipment Available	First aid kit, Lightning detection/warning system

Field and Playing Area

Field is Fenced	Permanent
Fence Material	Chain-link
Basepath Material	Soil
Baseline Marking Material	Commercial Markings
Infield Surface	All-dirt or clay infield
Playing Features	Portable pitching mound, Foul poles, Backstop

Lighting

Lights Installed	No
Pole Type	
Underground Wiring	
Light Poles Grounded	
Date Electrical System Last Inspected	
Date Light Levels Last Tested	
Light Levels Meet Little League Standards	

Field Usage

Field Used for Tournament Play	No
Scheduling Limitations	School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

Bleachers

Material	Metal
Annual Inspection	
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	